

REMARKS

Applicant will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the language and format of the Abstract. In response, Applicant is submitting a new Abstract. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been overcome, and it is requested that it be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1-3 and 10-12 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Hirai et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended the independent claims to recite that the respective voltages of picture signals supplied in subframe periods are changed throughout displaying an image. This feature is advantageous in that a liquid crystal can be driven at a high speed and that moving images can be smoothly displayed and afterimages can be reduced (see e.g. page 9, ln. 27 to page 11, ln. 18, and Fig. 1 of the present application).

In contrast, it appears from Figs. 1 and 2 in Hirai that the same voltages are applied to plural subframes of the one frame. Hence, Hirai does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Therefore, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1-9 and 13-18 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirai in view of Katakura et al. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

For at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these dependent claims are also not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

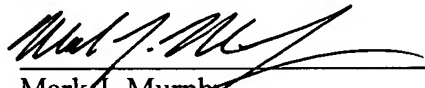
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance, and should be allowed.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039 for any fee due for this Amendment.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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